



STATE OF ALABAMA BOARD OF ARCHITECTS SPRING 1999 NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

April 27, 1999

Board Meeting
Montgomery

June 8, 1999

Central District
Nomination Mtg.
Montgomery

BOARD MEMBERS:

Richard E. Barrow
Edward L. Faddis
O. Everett Hatcher, III
William W. Herrin, Jr.
Renis O. Jones, Jr.
Frank E. Litchfield, III

STAFF:

Cindy Gainey, Admin.
Janet Wells, Asst.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED

In late 1998, former Governor James appointed new Board members to fill two expiring terms.

Frank E. Litchfield, III, was appointed November 20, 1998, to fill the term formerly occupied by John W. Woodham. Frank is a principal of the Montgomery firm of Seay, Seay and Litchfield. He graduated from Auburn University with a B. A. in Industrial Design in 1974, and a B. A. in Environmental Design and Bachelors of Architecture in 1979. He is both a registered architect and registered interior designer and also serves on the State Board for Registration of Interior Designers and the Alabama Historical Commission. Frank received the Alabama Council AIA President's Award in 1987. Frank's term will expire on January 3, 2003.

Everett Hatcher, III, was appointed December 7, 1998, to fill the term formerly occupied by Joseph P. Giattina, Jr. Everett is a principal in the Birmingham firm CMH Architects. He graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelors of Architecture in 1970, taught there for three years after graduation, and later completed studies at Harvard Graduate School of Design. Everett presently serves as the Birmingham area coordinator for the Intern Development Program and also served as an exam grader for the graphic divisions of the NCARB Architects Registration Exam. He has won numerous design awards. Everett's term will expire on December 15, 2002.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Announcing

The following individuals recently passed the Architects Registration Exam:

Bonnie Austin, Anniston
Steve R. Belflower, Birmingham
Jeffrey A. Brewer, Birmingham
Ben R. Coate, Jr., Birmingham
Mark C. Cooper, Gadsden
Kyle M. D'Agostino, Birmingham
Staci V. Doss, Birmingham
Simone A. Early, Birmingham
Jeffrey S. Fowler, Homewood
Grant T. Gramstad, Birmingham
Roger Jobe, Montgomery
Stephanie A. Johnson, Fort Payne
Brian J. Klinkhammer, Montgomery
David H. Knuth, Birmingham
Jonathan A. Larson, Montgomery
Kelly McLaughlin, Birmingham
Trevor B. Matchett, Homewood
Brian Roberson, Birmingham
Julie A. Smith, Montgomery
David Sturgis, Birmingham
Jeffrey A. Thomas, Huntsville

SYLVAN OPENS SIXTH ALABAMA TESTING CENTER IN TUSCALOOSA

Candidates can now schedule the A.R.E. at a new site in Tuscaloosa, located at G-54 Rose Administration Building, University Boulevard, phone (205) 348-6760.

FREE A.R.E. PRACTICE SOFTWARE AVAILABLE

NCARB has added the practice software for the A.R.E. to its web site. Candidates can download the software directly to their computer by signing on to the site and following the links at **www.ncarb.org**.

NEW A.R.E. GUIDELINES HIGHLIGHT CHANGES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1999

The new *A.R.E. Guidelines* was recently sent to all candidates currently eligible to take the Architect Registration Exam. This document replaces the current *Bulletin of Information* and has been rewritten and reformatted to provide candidates with an easy-to-read reference on exam content, scheduling, and scoring. Highlights of changes to the A.R.E. starting April 1, 1999 are as follows:

- (1) The six multiple-choice divisions will consist of a given number of questions administered over a fixed length of time. Lateral Forces will consist of 90 questions, and the remaining five multiple-choice divisions will consist of 125 questions each.
- (2) All candidates **MUST** bring a scientific calculator to the test center. The on-screen calculator is no longer accessible during the multiple-choice divisions. **ONLY** non-programmable calculators will be allowed in the test center.
- (3) New questions based on the 1997 editions of AIA Document A201-1997 and AIA Document B141-1997 will be introduced to candidates.
- (4) In response to candidate concerns, some minor changes to instructions for all divisions have been implemented to simplify accessing, maneuvering through and reviewing answers.

HOT TOPICS

Recent regulation changes were adopted and filed on February 17, 1999, and are outlined as follows:

100-X-1-.02 Removes the requirement that the Board office be located in the office of the Secretary.

100-X-1-.05 Changes wording to distinguish between board member compensation and travel expenses.

100-X-1-.06 Changes rule to comply with existing statutes and Alabama Sunshine Law.

100-X-1-.10 Adds the position of Secretary to list of persons the Board may employ.

100-X-2-.02 Eliminates a requirement that is no longer in effect (transfer of base state registration).

100-X-2-.03 Changes wording to accurately reflect who signs registration certificates.

100-X-2-.04 Clarifies policy with respect to renewals received after the filing deadline.

100-X-2-.05 Clarifies differences between late and lapsed renewals and clearly establishes reinstatement procedures.

100-X-2-.10 Eliminates an obsolete requirement for exam candidates.

100-X-2-.17 Clarifies exemptions from reporting of continuing education hours.

Look for these changes in the upcoming Roster of Registered Architects and the "Red Handbook."

JOHN W. NETTLES (#2634), Auburn, Alabama, appeared before the Board on April 3, 1998, and was found guilty of failing to act with reasonable care, competence, technical knowledge, and skill. Sanctions: Suspension for six months, said suspension to be waived in favor of one year Board-supervised probation; fined \$5,000; prepare a synopsis of the Board's *Registration Act*; publication of sanctions.

DONALD M. TORODE (#4310), Pike Road, Alabama, appeared before the Board on April 3, 1998, and was found guilty of practicing during a period in which he was not registered. Sanctions: Suspension for six months, said suspension to be waived in favor of one year Board-supervised probation; fined \$5,000; prepare a synopsis of the Alabama Building Commission's *Administrative Code*; publication of sanctions.

GERALD SMITH (non-registrant), Thomasville, Alabama, signed a settlement agreement in which he agreed not to practice architecture and paid an administrative assessment of \$1,000.

JAMES E. BAILEY (#727), Birmingham, Alabama, signed a settlement agreement; paid a \$1,500 fine; will serve one year supervised probation; and publication of sanctions.

JOHN G. SIMPSON (#2431), Huntsville, Alabama, signed a settlement agreement, paid a \$1,500 fine; will serve one year supervised probation; and publication of sanctions.

ROY WEAVER, JR. (#4022), Birmingham, Alabama, was found guilty of 8 of 11 charges. Sanctions: three-year suspension, effective 12/9/98, (6 months active). If no additional violations occur, the remainder will be served as Board-supervised probation; synopsis of *The Registration Act*; complete NCARB's *Subsurface Conditions* monograph; \$1,000 fine; publication of sanctions.

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PUBLICATIONS DELAYED

The Examiners of Public Accounts proposed several minor changes to the Board's statutes as a result of a review of the board's operations, known as a Sunset Review. The bill was introduced and passed by the House of Representatives but has yet to be introduced in the Senate.

As a result of this delay, publication of the *1999 Roster of Registered Architects* and the red "Handbook" has been delayed until the Board's legislation is acted on by the Senate. Publication is anticipated by Summer 1999. We appreciate your understanding and patience in this matter.

PARTING THOUGHTS

"A consultant is someone who saves his client almost enough to pay his fee."

--Arnold H. Glasgow

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"There is a time in the life of every problem when it is big enough to see, yet small enough to solve."

--Mike Leavitt

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"If you want to truly understand something, try to change it."

--Kurt Lewis

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